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PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT FOR CARE HARBOR FREE CLINIC 2013

In the past four years, Los Angeles County has been the site of five of the largest metropolitan free clinics ever conducted. The first was held at the Forum in Inglewood, the second at the Los Angeles Sports Arena and the third, produced in collaboration with former First Lady Maria Shriver, was held at the Pyramid in Long Beach. The fourth and fifth were held in 2011 and 2012 at the Los Angeles Sports. Each event has built upon the success of the previous events. The clinics provided a range of health and wellness resources never before available under one roof at one time. Together, these five events treated 22,800 patients with 43,390 medical, dental and vision services; free care valued at more than \$10.9 million.

This year, Care Harbor will host its largest and most innovative clinic yet. Care Harbor/LA will be held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena starting on October 31st through November 3rd and will serve an estimated 4,000 patients over the four days. In addition to free medical, dental and vision care, patients will be provided with

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immunizations and screenings, and extensive educational presentations and exhibits to promote wellness, self-care and healthy lifestyles, everything from smoking cessation to disaster preparedness. Local clinics and providers will have representatives on site to make appointments for those needing follow-up.

The event is receiving an unprecedented level of support from the local health care community: medical and dental schools, professional societies, hospitals, clinics, provider organizations, suppliers, and thousands of volunteers are participating. Care Harbor is working closely with County Departments including the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health and Public Health.

The local organizers and health care professionals who produced these clinics have formed a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity to bring quality care to the uninsured, underinsured and underserved of Los Angeles County. Care Harbor (originally called CareNow) was founded with a dual goal: to provide comprehensive free care at large community clinics, and to provide continuing care for patients needing follow-up by arranging medical homes for patients among the community's existing health care resources. The new name reflects an expanded mission. Care Harbor is both a destination and a portal, a haven of health and hope, and a gateway to sustainable care. Eligible patients will be enrolled in Covered California, Healthy Way LA and other coverage programs. Care Harbor clinics will have an enduring impact on the health of the community. In a time of great need for the most vulnerable people, Care Harbor/LA will create lasting change in the lives of thousands.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Proclaim October 31st through November 3rd as "Care Harbor Week" in Los Angeles County and encourage the residents of Los Angeles County who are uninsured or underinsured and in need of medical, dental or vision care to take part in this event, offered at no cost to the participants.
- 2) Encourage County departments to participate in the event to the extent that doing so is consistent with their mission and budgetary constraints, to include allowing employees to work at the event on County time with the authorization of their immediate supervisor and administration.
- 3) Allow County Departments to utilize mobile County vehicles at the event as needed for treatment or educational purposes.

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